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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board
(E/ICEF/2019/2)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Board in its decision 1992/7, the President for 2019 will be nominated from among the African States that are members of the Board. The election takes place on 8 January 2019.

3. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
For decision (E/ICEF/2019/1)

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the programme of work adopted by the Board at its second regular session of 2018. The Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

4. Working methods
For decision

UNICEF will provide an update on the implementation of the requests made by the Executive Board in its decision 2018/14 on working methods.

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Programme and policy matters

5. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the forty-first and forty-second Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
For information (UNICEF/2019/EB/2)

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the forty-first and forty-second Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held from 12 to 14 December 2017 and 26 to 28 June 2018, respectively.

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6. Update on UNICEF humanitarian action

For information (UNICEF/2019/EB/3)

The Executive Board will receive an update on humanitarian and development action in UNICEF, with a focus on linking humanitarian and development programming. The update will provide an overview of UNICEF work, challenges and achievements, and will be supported by a conference room paper.

UNICEF focal point:
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7. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The country programme document listed below is presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. A costed evaluation plan and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrix are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the document.

West and Central Africa

Niger (E/ICEF/2019/P/L.1)

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision (E/ICEF/2019/P/L.2)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board is requested to approve a one-year extension of the country programme for South Africa, following a previous 15-month extension, and two-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan and Comoros.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

8. Evaluation reports and management responses

Formative evaluation of the Out-of-School Children Initiative, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2019/3, E/ICEF/2019/4)

A partnership between UNICEF, the Institute for Statistics of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Global Partnership for Education, the Out-of-School Children Initiative was launched in 2010 to support Governments to develop and apply innovative approaches to estimate the number of children excluded from school, develop profiles of excluded children and implement programmes to enable school participation for all children. The evaluation found that

the initiative was successful in situating the relevant issues at the centre of the development agenda and increasing commitment to them. However, resources were not allocated on a sustainable basis and the commitment of partners to the initiative's rights-based model was not always clear. The evaluation provides a number of recommendations for improving the measurement and promotion of school participation. The Executive Board will be presented with an executive summary of the evaluation report and a management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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Independent panel review of the UNICEF response to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, and management response
For decision (E/ICEF/2019/5, E/ICEF/2019/6)

The report reflects the views of the independent expert panel based on its review of the work done by UNICEF on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. The overarching objective of the review was to examine what is working and areas that need improvement; identify ways of deepening management accountability; and improve the organization's policies and systems and its responses as well as its culture. The Executive Board will be presented with an executive summary of the review report and a management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

9. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response
For decision (A/73/5/Add.3); *for information* (E/ICEF/2019/AB/L.2)

The UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements and report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually, with the presentation taking place at the first regular session so that the Board can take into account any comments on the report made by the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General

Assembly.[1] In addition, the following related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports for the year ended 31 December 2017 on the United Nations funds and programmes (A/73/353/Add.1) and (b) financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2017: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/73/430).

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10. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2019 workplan and proposed budget
For decision (E/ICEF/2019/AB/L.1)

The report covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2019 for private fundraising and partnership activities.

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11. Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
For decision

In its decision 2018/15, the Executive Board requested UNICEF to continue its engagement with the Board on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 and to provide regular updates on that work, and to report to the Board at its first regular session of 2019.

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12. Oral update on the work of the National Committees for UNICEF
For information

In light of the increasing importance of the private sector in delivering results for children, the update will provide an overview of the work of the National Committees in raising awareness, global support and financial resources for UNICEF, notably flexible funding contributions, including almost 50 per cent of the organization's regular resources as well as one quarter of its overall income.

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[1] The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 23 October 2018.

Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

13. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its annual session of 2019 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

14. Adoption of draft decisions

15. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2019 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board

5–7 February 2019[2]

Tuesday 8 January	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 2	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board
Tuesday 5 February	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 1	Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
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	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 7	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 6	Update on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 5	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the forty-first and forty-second Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
	5:00–6:00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 6 February	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 10	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2019 workplan and proposed budget
		Item 12	Oral update on the work of the National Committees for UNICEF
		Item 9	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response
	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 8	Evaluation reports and management responses - Formative evaluation of the Out-of-School Children Initiative, and management response

[2] The most updated timetable for each day's meetings will be posted on PaperSmart and in the *Journal of the United Nations*. When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

			- Independent panel review of the UNICEF response to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, and management response
		Item 4	Working methods
	5:00–6:00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 7 February	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 13	Other matters
		Item 14	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 15	Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board